

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of) Examiner: Unassigned
Inventors: Ainsworth et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants' response is submitted herewith. The requisite fee of \$890 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any over-payment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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